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Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

| Date. | Vessel. | Destination. | Number of crew. | Number of passengers from this port. | Number of passengers in transit. | Pieces of baggage disinfected. |
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| Oct. 1 | Columbia | Mobile..... | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | Viator | Baltimore | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6 | Jos. Vaccaro | Baltimore via Tela. | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Reports from Puerto Cortez, fruit port—Yellow fever.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Carter reports as follows: Week ended October 3, 1905. Present officially estimated population, 4,000; 1 case, 1 death, yellow fever; prevailing diseases, yellow fever and malarial fever; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, infected.

Yellow fever still exists along the line of railroad at Choloma, San Pedro, Rio Blanco, and Chamelicon.

No bills of health were issued.

Week ended October 10, 1905. No deaths; prevailing diseases, yellow fever and malarial fever; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, infected.

Yellow fever still exists at Choloma, San Pedro, and Chamelicon. Choloma, 2 cases; San Pedro, 3 cases (mild); Chamelicon, reported; Puerto Cortez, last case reported died, 29th September.

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| Oct. 9 | Geo. Dumois ^a | New Orleans.. | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 9 | Venus ^a | Mobile..... | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 9 | Habil ^a |do | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

^aDisinfected.

Sanitary measures proposed for Puerto Cortez and vicinity.

October 1, 1905. The prominent citizens of this place held a meeting this morning and organized an association to take the necessary measures to place this country, extending from Puerto Cortez to Pimienta, in such sanitary shape as will meet the requirements of the United States Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service, and asking the merchants and planters along the line of railroad to cooperate with them in raising funds to do this work, and to employ a competent physician to act as inspector at this port for the Government, who shall have absolute authority to direct the sanitary measures that are necessary and disburse the funds (the same to be raised by local subscription), the physician to be appointed with the approval of President Bonilla and to be satisfactory as regards his reliability and competency. A telegram was sent to President Bonilla stating the action taken. In reply he advised that the Government would be glad to do anything to place the infected zone in good sanitary condition. Up to this date the absolute authority has not been granted.